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- 3. The monthly pay amounted to 308 eastmarks for Pfcs, 360 eastmarks for NCOs, and 380 eastmarks for sergeants. The following daily rations were issued to the VPL personnel: for breakfast, 50 grams of butter, 30 grams of sausage and bread which was unrationed; for lunch, potatoes and vegetables (unrationed), meat or fish (unrationed) three times a week; for supper, 50 grams of butter, 30 grams of sausage, 50 grams of cheese, and bread which was unrationed. There were seldom complaints about the food. The following articles of clothing were issued: 1 pair of trousers, 1 jacket, 1 overcoat, 1 fatigue uniform, 1 athletic costume, sports-wear consisting of 1 shirt and 1 pair of trousers, 1 pair of shoes, 3 pairs of pants, 3 undershirts, 2 sports shirts, 2 pair of socks, 2 handkerchiefs, 1 visor cap, and 1 field cap. Allegedly, the outfit was not yet complete.
- The Russianz were quartered at the field, while the VPL personnel and offices were located in the following buildings east of Cottbus-Burg road: Guardhouse, about 8 x 10 maters, which was nearing completion in late December 1952; a two-story brick building , which housed the offices of the paymaster of the VPL regiment; another two-story brick building, which housed the offices of the motor pool; and the headquarters of the VPL division; the dispensary had 15 beds in December 1952 and an additional 30 beds were to be set up after completion of expansion work which was nearing completion; a three-story building, about 15 x 40 meters, which housed billets and administrative rooms of the supply battalion, with the kitchen and messhalls on the second floor and billets on the upper floor; two temporary buildings of the former Reich Labor Service, which were erected in December 1952, with one instruction room each, which were occupied by students of the training course for ground personnel; an administrative building, which housed a kitchen, messhall and storeroom on the ground floor and the clothing store of the VPL regiment on the upper floor; one quartering building, which housed the NCOs and EM of the 3rd Squad of the VPL regiment, the NCO and RM rooms being occupied by 4 and 16 men respectively, with a total of about 270 men quartered in the building; a two-story building, about 12 x 20 meters, was occupied by the officers of the flight and ground personnel; and a three-story headquarters building, about 15 x 30 meters, which housed the headquarters of the division and of the flight regiment, in addition to kitchen and messhalls for the flight personnel.
- 25X1A Comment. At present, Cottbus airfield is occupied by the operations staff of the VPL, the headquarters of VPL Div 600, and the VPL Ragts 601 and 603. The operations staff arrived from Berlin-Johannisthal in June 1953. The VPL Regt 603 was originally stationed in Bautzen from where it was tra naferred in January 1953 because of construction work at Bautzen-Litten airfield. Elements of the Soviet training regiment which trains Vol personnel are also stationed at Cottbus sirfield. The number of aircraft observed at the field agrees with previous information. Some of the Yak-11 and Yak-18 trainers are probably parked in the hangars. The aircraft numbers observed on MiG-15s are reported for the first time from East Germany, except for No 147 which was observed at Neuruppin sirfield some time ago. Thus, it is assumed that the MiG-15s which arrived from the USSR in April 1953 are now employed for air activity. It cannot be determined whether VPL pilots were employed during the air activity on 4 July, As the VPL pilots have been training with MiG-15s for only a short time, it appears more probable that, on this day, the pilots of the Soviet training regiment practiced formation flying in order to keep up their good status of being ready for military action at any time. This assumption appears probable in conjunction with the experiences made during the 17 June uprasing in East Germany.
- 25X1A 2. Comment. The statements of the VPL member confirm previous information and furnish a picture of the quartering facilities of the VPL at Cottbus airfield. However, the statements received are not believed to be quite complete.